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MICHIKO (HIRAI) CHRISTOPHER

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3030]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3030) for the relief of Michiko (Hirai) Christopher, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

AMENDMENT

In line 3, following the number "(27)", insert the letter "(A)".

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant to the minor child adopted by citizens of the United States the status of a nonquota immigrant, which is the status normally enjoyed by the minor alien children of U.S. citizens.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 1-year-old native and citizen of Japan. On September 9, 1959, the beneficiary was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Christopher, who are U.S. citizens. Mr. Christopher is a career member of the U.S. Army presently stationed in Japan. In addition to the beneficiary, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher have adopted two Korean children.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated May 17, 1960, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Com-

missioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the case, reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., May 17, 1960.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 3030) for the relief of Michiko (Hirai) Christopher, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiary by the Dallas, Tex., office of this Service, which has custody of those files.

The bill would confer nonquota status upon the 1-year-old adopted alien daughter of U.S. citizens. The bill also would provide that the natural parents of the beneficiary shall not, by virtue of such parentage, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

As a quota immigrant the beneficiary would be chargeable to the quota for Japan.

Sincerely,

J. M. SWING, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE MICHIKO (HIRAI)
CHRISTOPHER, BENEFICIARY OF S. 3030

Information concerning the case was furnished by mail by Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Christopher, adoptive parents of the beneficiary.

Michiko (Hirai) Christopher was born on May 29, 1959, in Sagamihara City, Japan, and is a citizen of that country. She was adopted in Yokohama family court, Yokohama, Japan, on September 9, 1959, by Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Christopher. Consent to the adoption was given by Sadako Hirai, mother and only known parent of the beneficiary. The beneficiary has never been in the United States. She lives with her adoptive parents in Japan.

Adolphus Christopher was born in Mount Enterprise, Tex., on December 21, 1927. He was previously married to Rachel Blaylock. This marriage was terminated by divorce in Tucson, Ariz., on April 19, 1952. He married Hattie Mae Mayhand on April 21, 1952, in Lordsburg, N. Mex. Hattie Mae Christopher was born in Daphne, Ala., on February 24, 1928. She has been previously married. Her marriage to Bishop Palmer was terminated by his death in December 1951. They have no children of their own. In addition to the beneficiary, they have two adopted Korean children, ages 7 and 5. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher reside with their adopted children in Camp Zama, Japan. Mr. Christopher is a career soldier, having enlisted in the U.S. Army on March 3, 1946. He has attained the rank of sergeant first class and earns \$421.90 per

month from his military service. He and his wife have personal property valued at \$1,000 and life insurance in the amount of \$10,000. Mrs. Christopher is unemployed.

As Mr. and Mrs. Christopher have already adopted two orphans overseas who are not related to the beneficiary, they were not able for that reason to bring the beneficiary to the United States under the provisions of section 4, Public Law 316, 85th Congress, as amended.

Senator Barry Goldwater, the author of the bill, submitted the following information in support of the bill:

JUNE 1, 1960.

Hon. Senator BARRY GOLDWATER.

DEAR SIR: I am Sfc. Adolphus Christopher, RA38778369, U.S. Army at present. I am stationed overseas, with Office of the Engineer, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Japan, APO 343, Camp Zama, Japan. My wife, Mrs. Hattie Mae Christopher, is here with me. My very very wonderful family and myself reside at U.S. Army Japan Depot Complex Government Housing Area. My wife and I are American citizens. Our permanent home address is 515 East Lester Street, Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Christopher and I are active voters and have always supported you because we both know that you, sir, are a truly great and honorable Senator and a true representative of the American way of life. Mrs. Christopher and myself as residents of our great State, Arizona, the greatest State in the Union, are writing to you Senator in regard to a very very grave and important personal matter which you, sir, are the only one that can and (we hope and pray) will help Mrs. Christopher and I in this matter.

Senator Goldwater, sir, my wonderful wife Mrs. Christopher and I have legally adopted two Korean-American orphan children in Korea, October 1958. Our wonderful adopted Korean-American son and daughter are Mark Eric, age 7 years, and Monica Lynn, age 5 years. Sir, we have already obtained American visas for our two Korean-American adopted children to enter the United States, under U.S. Public Law No. 85-316. Mrs. Christopher and I have also legally adopted a Japanese-American orphan child, a baby girl; her name is Michiko (Hirai) Christopher; she was born here in Japan May 29, 1959, mother Japanese national, and father American soldier. While on duty here in Japan, our wonderful sweet baby is 1 year old. Sir, the American consul in Yokohama, Japan, informed Mrs. Christopher and I that the U.S. oversea orphan children bill states that each American family could get only two American visas to bring adopted children into the United States and that we had obtained two American visas already for our two Korean-American adopted children and we could not obtain a visa for our Japanese-American adopted orphan child Michiko for this reason. This U.S. oversea adoption orphan children law expires June 30, 1960.

Sir, my wonderful sweet wife and I have taken our sweet wonderful legally adopted Japanese-American baby daughter Michiko H. Christopher into our nice home and deep into our hearts and have cared for her since she was 7 days old. Mrs. Christopher and I love our sweet baby daughter with all our heart and want to spend the rest of our life taking care of our sweet wonderful baby Michiko, giv-

ing her the best education and love, provide her with a home of high moral character, making her into a truly wonderful American lady, that all America would be proud. Sir, I am a good soldier; I like the U.S. Army very much; I am planning to make the U.S. Army my career, and I am financially able to support our legally adopted baby Michiko Christopher. Please, sir, we beg of you to help us. We are due to return to the United States January 9, 1961, so you can see, sir, we have very little time to obtain the necessary American visa and passport for our baby to come to America with us. Please, Senator Goldwater, sir, we beg of you to sponsor a special bill in behalf of our sweet wonderful legally adopted child, Michiko Hirai Christopher, so that she may be admitted to the United States. Sir, my very wonderful wife cannot have children of our own for medical reasons and no American home is ever complete and happy without a number of wonderful children.

Senator, sir, we could not stand to think of our poor little baby without a home care or support if she was left here in Japan. Please help us, we beg of you.

Sir, we will be forever grateful for anything you can do for us in this matter and anxiously await your reply.

Thank you; thanks in advance, Senator Goldwater, from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely yours,

Sfc. ADOLPHUS CHRISTOPHER, RA38778369,
Office of the Engineer, Hq U.S. Army, Japan,
APO 343, San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. HATTIE M. CHRISTOPHER.

JUNE 21, 1959.

To Whom It May Concern:

1. Sfc. Adolphus Christopher, RA38778369, assigned to the Office of the Engineer, Real Estate Division, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Japan, and 6th Logistical Command, Camp Zama, APO 343, has requested my assistance in the adoption of a Japanese-American infant girl Michiko Hirai. I have personally known Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Christopher for the past 6 months and of their interest in creating a home for their two previously legally adopted Korean-American children.

2. Mrs. Christopher has been a teacher in the Sunday school at the U.S. Army, Japan, Depot Complex thus affording me a opportunity to know her and her work and their interesting children.

3. I believe Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Christopher will provide a home of high moral character for this child, I sincerely recommend that they be allowed to adopt the little girl.

WILLIAM C. FORD,
Chaplain (Major), U.S. Army.

REPAIRS AND UTILITIES OFFICE,
U.S. ARMY, JAPAN, DEPOT COMPLEX,
APO 343, June 16, 1959.

R & U 265/78.

Subject: Commendation.

To: Sfc. Adolphus Christopher, RA38778369, Engr. Aug. USARJ
Depot Complex, APO 343.

1. Upon termination of your assignment with the Repairs and Utilities Office USARJ Depot Complex, I desire to commend you for the highly efficient service you have rendered while serving with this organization.

2. Since your assignment to the Post Engineers at this installation on February 11, 1957, you have performed your assigned duties in an extremely successful manner. Your supervision and operational ability as reflected by the work which you have accomplished and the major part exercised by you in fulfilling the mission of the Post Engineers will always be a shining reflection on your capabilities.

3. I am certain that your future service will be of inestimable value to the accomplishment of the mission of the Corps of Engineers.

4. In conclusion, I wish to extend to you my personal thanks and wish you continued success in your new assignment.

MASAAKI ASAKURA, DAC,
Repairs and Utilities Operations Officer.

SAGAMIHARA BRANCH COURT OF YOKOHAMA FAMILY COURT

(Iye) No. 215 of 1959—Adoption Case

DECREE

Applicants

Adolphus Christopher

Nationality: Arizona, United States of America.

Present address: No. 600, Kamiyabe, Sagamihara City, Kanagawa
Prefecture, General Depot, USARJ.

Hattie Mae Christopher

Nationality and present address are the same as above.

Child to be adopted

Michiko Hirai

Legal domicile: No. 936, Fuchinobe, Sagamihara City, Kanagawa
Prefecture.

Present address: The same as of applicants.

Date of birth: May 29, 1959.

TEXT

The approval is hereby given that the applicants adopt the said child.

REASON

The applicants requested the approval of the adoption of the said minor child, as they have no natural child and desire to adopt a child.

According to the rules of the Private International Law of the United States of America and Article 29 of the law concerning the application of laws, the Civil Code of Japan is, as the governing law for the adoptive parents and the child to be adopted, to apply to the present adoption case, which is the law of domicile of a child to be adopted.

The documents submitted by the applicants and the investigations made by the court show that the applicants are very good-natured and harmonious husband and wife; that the applicant Adolphus Christopher is the First Sergeant of the U.S. Army and his monthly income is \$403, and he has about \$4,000 of property; that the said child was born by Sadako Hirai, a Japanese national, and an American soldier, name unknown; that the natural mother, thinking of the future of the child, consented 2 months after the child was born to the adoption of it by the applicants, and then afterwards the child is brought up in the applicants' home; that the applicants, as they have no natural child, have brought up the child with deep love and affection, and they swear themselves so to bring up and educate the said child that she may become a young lady in future, of whom they can be proud.

Considering the above facts and as the adoption is deemed to be beneficial to the child and it is reasonable to grant the approval to the adoption, the court adjudged as stated in the text.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1959.

YOKOHAMA FAMILY COURT,
KAORU INOMATA,
Judge of Domestic Relations.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1959.

This is a certified copy of the original.

YOKOHAMA FAMILY COURT,
TOSHIO URAKAWA,
Assistant Court Clerk.

[OFFICIAL SEAL]

SEPTEMBER 18, 1959.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct translation of the copy.

KOTARO ITO,
Office of the Judge Advocate,
HQ, USARJ, APO 343.

SEOUL DISTRICT COURT, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

1. Adopting father

- (a) Name: Adolphus Christopher.
- (b) Domicile: 515 East Lester Street, Tucson, Ariz., U.S.A.
- (c) Date of birth: December 21, 1927.
- (d) Occupation: U.S. Army.
- (e) Nationality: American.

2. *Adopting mother*

- (a) Name: Hattie Mae Christopher.
- (b) Domicile: 515 East Lester Street, Tucson, Ariz., U.S.A.
- (c) Date of birth: February 24, 1928.
- (d) Occupation: Housewife.
- (e) Nationality: American.

3. *Child to be adopted*

- (a) Name: Dark, Duk Man (Korea name) Mark Eric Christopher.
- (b) Domicile: San 32-5 Hong Je Dong, Sue Dae Moon Ku, Seoul, Korea.
- (c) Date of birth: December 21, 1952.
- (d) Occupation: None.
- (e) Nationality: Korean.

I hereby certify that in the matter of the adoption of the above-named child to be adopted by the above-named adopting father and adopting mother, all pertinent laws of the Republic of Korea have been complied with and that said adoption is in all respects legal and valid as of the date of the notification thereof to the above-named, Head of Local Administrative Agency of the residence of the Adopting Father.

Date: 22d day of October 1958.

H. K. Lim,
Judge, Seoul District Court, Republic of Korea.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3030), as amended, should be enacted.



2. Adopting mother:

- (a) Name: Miss Mae Christopher.
- (b) Domicile: 615 East Tenth Street, Tucson, Ariz., U.S.A.
- (c) Date of birth: February 21, 1926.
- (d) Occupation: Housewife.
- (e) Nationality: American.

3. Child to be adopted:

- (a) Name: Dark Dink Man (Korean name) Miss Mae Christopher.
- (b) Domicile: 32-2 Illinois Road, The New Moon Inn, Seoul, Korea.

- (c) Date of birth: December 21, 1952.

- (d) Occupation: None.

- (e) Nationality: Korean.

I hereby certify that in the matter of the adoption of the above-named child to be adopted by the above-named adopting father and adopting mother, all pertinent laws of the Republic of Korea have been complied with and that said adoption is in all respects legal and valid as of the date of the notification thereof to the above-named Head of Local Administrative Agency of the residence of the Adopting Father.

Date: 22nd day of October 1958.

H. H. Lee.

And second District Court Republic of Korea.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3030), as amended, should be enacted.